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1. The National Company for Chemical and Metallurgical Production at Usti nad Labem (Spolek pro chemickou a hutni výrobu, narodni podnik - Zavod Usti nad Labem) was formerly known as the Company for Chemical and Metallurgical Production AG at Usti nad Labem (Spolek pro chemickou a hutni výrobu, AKG, Spol.).
2. The factory lies near the local power station, which is adjacent to the freight railway station. The administration building is twelve stories high and is the tallest building in the town. The local power station has two 20 m. high wooden cooling towers.
3. Until 1945 the factory was owned by a Viennese joint stock company. By a decree issued by the President of the Republic in 1945 the property was nationalized and incorporated into the Czech Chemical Combine CCHZ, whose main office was in Prague II, Stepanska ul. Thirty-five small and large chemical concerns are incorporated in the CCHZ. Its main research laboratories are in Rybitvi, a village near Pardubice in the neighborhood of the largest explosives factories in Semtin. The managing director is Dr. Eng. Viktor Ettel.
4. Administration consists of the following:
 - a. Managing Director: Mining Engineer Smetana.
 - b. 1st Deputy Managing Director and Head of Administration: Eng. Bures, a Communist.
 - c. 2nd Deputy Managing Director and Head of Chemical Department: Dr. Sehnoutka, an expert on inorganic chemistry, who was offered the post of Director, which he refused.
 - d. Works Management:
 - 1) Production Groups:
 - a) Head of group for production of organic dyes, intermediate products, beta-naphthol, and ultrasol: Eng. Smisek, a non-Communist.
 - b) Head of organic group: Dr. Bil.

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c) Head of inorganic group ("heavy" chemistry - Schwere Chemie):
 Dr. Pamus.

d) Head of technical group: Eng. Zis.

2) Laboratories:

a) Director of the Makro-la Laboratory: Dr. Janusa, one of the
 greatest experts on explosives.

b) Director of coloristic laboratory: Eng. Heller.

Both of these laboratories are located in the administration building.

c) Director of Utele Laboratory (preparation of and research on chemi-
 cally pure preparations, metal corrosion, i.e. chemical production
 of a thin protective layer on metals in order to prevent external
 chemical action): Dr. Dykyj, a Communist.

d) Director of Analal Laboratory (analytical work): Dr. Jiri Novak, a
 Communist.

e) Director of biological laboratory: Dr. Dykyjova, wife of Dr. Dykyj.

3) Separate group for production of wolframic acid:

a) The director of this group is Dr. Oskar Khaler.

b) The acid is extracted from wolfram ore supplied from Zinnwald, near
 Usti nad Labem on the German border. The wolframic acid is delivered
 to the Stalin factory near Most, where it is used in the production
 of the active substance necessary for the manufacture of synthetic
 gasoline.

5. The factory has its own power plant, boiler room, and a cable railway by means
 of which coal can be received direct from the coal mines and the Teplice area.
 It is also linked to the grid of the town power station. The factory director
 of fuel and power is Eng. Horak.

6. The factory has railway sidings connected with the Usti nad Labem freight station
 and with two large warehouses; two locomotives; a narrow-gauge railway within the
 factory; and several trucks.

7. In May 1949, the factory employed more than 3,000 workers, all of them Czechs.
 Work brigades, recruited from the unemployed or from persons not employed in the
 factory, were used only for cleaning jobs. The factory has its own living quarters
 in which are billeted mostly foremen, officials, production managers, and a small
 number of factory hands.

8. The hours of work vary according to the section. Some groups work three shifts,
 others from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. The personnel department and one or two production
 managers work from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Many of the sec-
 tions, especially the organic group, are compelled to cease operations for a
 month from time to time because of a lack of raw material.

9. The products consist of chemicals of every type.

10. Some of these chemicals, particularly sulphur compounds, are exported to the USSR.
 The actual types and amounts are not known. Nitric acid is supplied to the Nobel
 plant in Bratislava. Lye is delivered to the Stalin works and to the Neratovice
 and Roudnice chemical works.

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11. Raw materials come from the following sources:

a. Various salts from local sources.




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d. Various gases from the Stalin Works.



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12. The registered trade mark is ^{CH}  in dark yellow.

13. The factory is patrolled by guards wearing blue overalls with red stripes. Control is routine and takes place through a time clock located in the main doorkeeper's room. This police force also performs guard duties. The section for the production of synthetic fuels is particularly heavily guarded and a special entry permit is needed. The commandant of the factory police is Alois Hromas. The president of the KSC is Josef Talpas. The vice-president is Kosik. No interpreters are employed.

14. Passes are needed to enter the factory and are issued to every employee by the personnel section. Pertinent details are taken from the worker's contract. Once the passes are issued they cannot be altered.

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